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Ash Wednesday
Memento, homo . . .

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Bishops Attend Jubilee Celebration

11 Seniors Begin Theses For Seminar Courses

Approximately one out of every five seniors who will graduate this June has a little extra work cut out for himself during the next few weeks. For these members of class '54 are those 11 who are writing theses for their seminar courses—the prerequisite to graduating with honors.

Three major fields claim two thesis-writers each: accounting, business administration, and mathematics. In accounting, Buel Adams is discussing "The Optimum Curriculum for the Accounting Major," a study of fields and courses recommended by experts and personnel men in the accounting world as the best for the college accounting major to undergo. George Smolar, the other accounting major writing a thesis, will probe "The Last-In, First-Out Method of Inventory Valuation and Its Effect on Income"—a comprehensive study of this most recent accounting method of valuing inventories.

Business Administration
In business administration, Dick Doherty and John Thorpe are expounding their views on thesis paper. Doherty has the topic: "How the Taft-Hartley Law Affects Collective Bargaining," a cause-and-effect discussion of the 1947 labor law and the bearing it has on mutual negotiations between labor and management. Thorpe has instituted a case study on the Rensselaer Farm Bureau Cooperative—"Rendering a Service." In his paper Thorpe hopes to analyze the functions of the cooperative and to reach definite conclusions as to the efficiency of its service to its customers.

Math majors working in two advanced fields are George Kuhn and Bill Zimmer. Kuhn will write on "Continued Fractions," showing specifically how they may be used to solve problems involving irrational numbers, while Zimmer will investigate "Indeterminate Equations," their characteristics, and their methods of solution.

Individual Fields
The other five candidates for graduation with honors are alone in their individual thesis fields. Vince Agnew, in history, will wrangle "The Supreme Court Issue of 1937," and the alleged packing of the highest court in the land by President Franklin Roosevelt at that time. Economics major Bernie Boff will give a "History and Analysis of Employee Stock Ownership Plans in the United States." In it Boff will discuss those plans which have permitted the employee to buy stock in the company which employs him.

Phil Kauchak, a biology major, has the only thesis in that field—"Dugesia dorotocephala"—an exhaustive research into the flatworm and all its components.

Chemistry Thesis
Dick Kotheimer, as his chemistry thesis, will continue the work and research of past chem majors in his "Analysis of the Para-normal, and Iso-Butyl phenyl alamine Synthesis," mainly a check into the accuracy of past work on the compound.

Class '54's lone English thesisman is Frank Molson, who will investigate "Satiric Elements in the Novels of Evelyn Waugh," a discussion of that particular facet of the writings of the contemporary English author.

Our condolences to Rev. Norman G. Schmuck on the death of his mother.

Also, our condolences to Brother Philip Buhrman on the death of his father.

By Gregor Dues
Today, at 11:00 a.m., the Most Rev. Joseph M. Marling, Auxiliary Bishop of Kansas City, Mo., offered a Solemn Pontifical High Mass of Thanksgiving in the college chapel, celebrating his silver jubilee of ordination. Likewise, celebrating with him today are the Rev. Walter T. Pax, Charles Herber, Edward M. Roof, and Henry A. Druffel, all residents of St. Joseph's College.

Columbian Players Choose New Play

The Male Animal, by James Thurber and Elliot Nugent, has been chosen as the spring production for the Columbian Players, Mr. Lee O'Connell, director of the club has announced. The play is a three-act comedy about a professor in a large university and his academic and home problems.

The seven masculine and five feminine parts have not yet been cast but it has been announced that the five girls will be from St. Xavier's College of Chicago. One of the performances of the play will be given on Parent's Day, May 2.

Also on the agenda for the Columbian Players are three one act plays to be presented in arena form. These plays will be directed by experienced members of the club. Since there is no arena stage on the campus, the plays will be given in the cafeteria. The date of these performances has not yet been set.

Student directors that have been chosen are: Bob Gregoire, Jack Carlson, and Bill Walker.

Famous Author Delivers Address

By Chuck Vietzen
Bruce Marshall, noted author and lecturer, presented a talk in the auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 18. His subject was "Religion and the Novel." A crowd of approximately 350 students and faculty members heard Mr. Marshall first define the true Catholic novelist, and then express his viewpoints on many of our current day authors. He stated three main points to be remembered: The Christian novel may be written about everything and anything; it must carry a very definite message; and it must not bring in Apologetics.

Mr. Marshall confessed in his talk, which was mixed with witticisms, that someone had once told him that if he wanted to read a good Christian novel, he should write one. He, of course, took advantage of this remark. Since that time many other persons have also enjoyed some good literature. This is proven by the fact that several of Mr. Marshall's books have made the best-seller list. These books have included such well-known works as The World, The Flesh, and Father Smith and Father Malachy's Miracle.

In his comment on many Catholic authors, Mr. Marshall stated that, in his opinion, the greatest of this class was Robert Hugh Benson, as he had shown the greatest influence of any Catholic author in any particular period. He also quite wittily compared Graham Greene with the sensationalistic Mickey Spillane. The difference, he said, was that Greene wrote about evil to show it is wrong, while Spillane simply writes about evil.

In a short interview following the talk, Mr. Marshall stated that there were two things which had impressed him while in America. First of all, that American Catholics are the greatest Catholics in the world, bar none; and secondly, that the Monon Railroad was one of the finest he had ever ridden.

The choir greeted the Bishop's entrance into the chapel with Singenberger's "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus." To give the occasion a still greater touch of solemnity, they sang, for the first time, the complete "Missa In Honorem B.V.M." by Jan Nieland. Fr. Pax was the arch-priest, and Frs. Druffel and Roof, deacons of the Mass. Deacons of honor at Bishop Marling's throne were Fr. Charles Herber and Fr. Rohling, another member of the jubilee class.

Bishop Here

The Most Rev. John G. Bennett, Bishop of Lafayette, presided at his throne of honor in the sanctuary. Rev. Seraphim Oberhauser, Provincial of the Society of the Precious Blood, delivered the sermon.

Following the solemn pontifical Mass, a banquet was held in the main dining room. Approximately 300 guests, friends, and relatives of the five jubilarians and friends of the college were present. The Right Rev. Edmund Mungovan, Vicar General of the Fort Wayne Diocese, was the Master of Ceremonies. Among the guests were the Most Rev. Leo A. Purseley, Auxiliary Bishop of Fort Wayne.

The five jubilarians, with ten of their classmates, were ordained at St. Charles Seminary, Carthage, Ohio, on Feb. 21, 1929. All five are alumni of St. Joseph's College.

A Former Provincial

Bishop Marling taught at St. Charles Seminary the two years following his ordination. He received his doctorate in Philosophy at the Catholic University of America in 1934. He was elected Provincial of the American Province of the Society of the Precious Blood. He was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Kansas City in 1947.

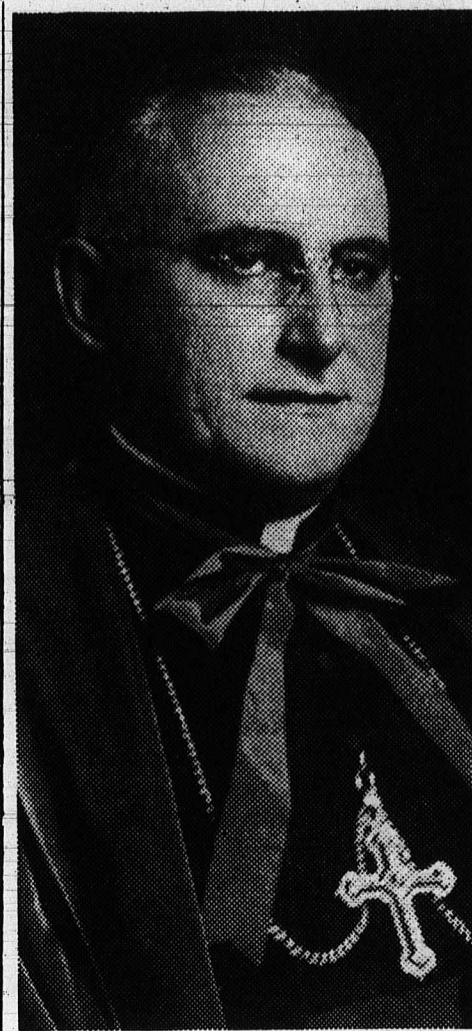
Fr. Pax is the present dean of the college. He has been a member of the faculty since his graduation. Fr. Roof received his degree from the Catholic University in 1931, and immediately joined the college faculty. In 1937, he was appointed athletic director and held that position until this year.

Fr. Druffel, although a member of the Precious Blood Mission Band, is stationed here at Collegeville. For two years, during the war, he was a navy chaplain. Three of the jubilarians, Frs. Pax, Herber, and Roof, offered Solemn High Masses in their home parishes on Sunday, Feb. 21.

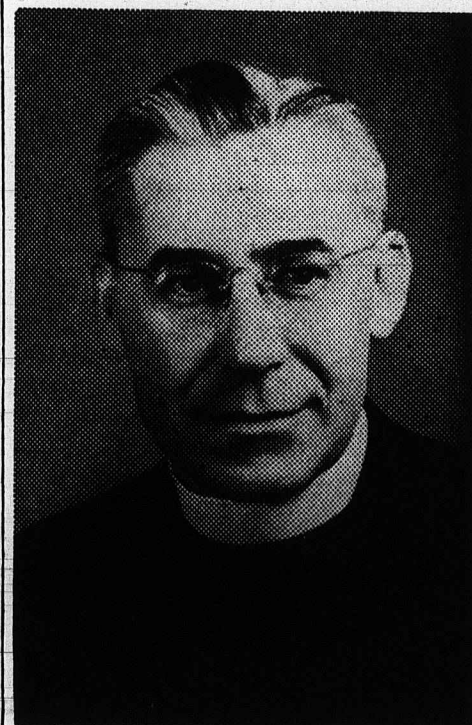
Forty Hours Services Planned For March 5

At the regular Benediction services of March 5, another annual Forty Hours week end will be opened at St. Joseph's. This period will consist in Eucharistic services commemorating the time Christ lay in the tomb after the crucifixion until the Resurrection.

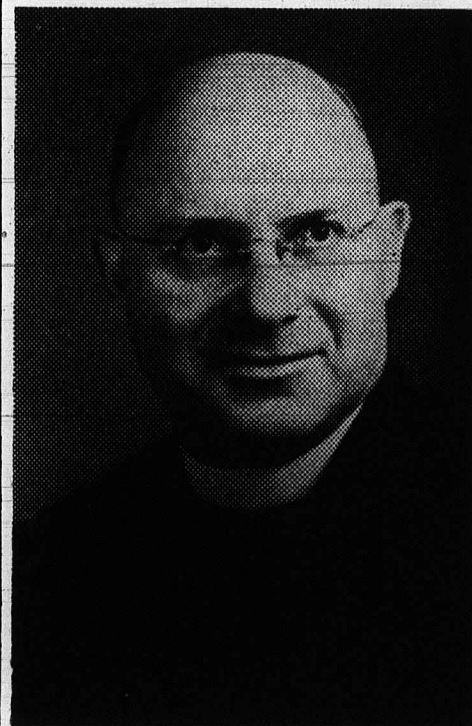
Unfortunately, the week end occurs during Lent, and less pompous liturgical ceremony will be the rule of the day, because of the spirit of the season. However, a procession through the body of the chapel with the Litany of the Saints and Solemn High Mass will mark the three day ceremony. The closed week end will terminate Sunday morning with the closing of the devotion.



Rt. Rev. Joseph M. Marling



Rev. Walter T. Pax



Rev. Charles J. Herber



Rev. Edward M. Roof

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Speech And The Layman

It is compulsory, here at St. Joe's and at many other colleges, that students in most fields of study take at least one course in speech training. This is not at all surprising because today in colleges, in business and industry, in government, more and more attention is being given to communicative speech.

But over and above the use of speech training in business, there is a great need for an articulate body of Catholic laymen today. No longer can a Catholic be satisfied in merely protecting his faith. He will, on occasion, find it necessary to defend this faith. Every Catholic who has been exposed to college training should have little difficulty in defending his religion. But with training in speech, these same Catholics can take the initiative and do much to further the cause of the Church. Because of this, then, there is a need for speech training.

Recognizing that the only way to develop articulate laymen is through training in college, and realizing that it is necessary for these future speakers to speak before an audience, the college yearly sponsors a speech contest for those enrolled in first year speech. This year, Rev. James Conroy has expressed his desire to perpetuate a custom started by his uncle, Monsignor Thomas M. Conroy. This consists of awarding a medal to the winner of the contest. It is Fr. Conroy's hope that in doing this, he will stimulate interest in the contest on this campus, and perhaps inspire other schools to sponsor similar contests. It is our hope that Fr. Conroy's plan is blessed with some cooperation and interest. Here's to bigger and better speech contests at St. Joseph's.

Joe Puma And Michigan Moose Pass Pumaville Prof's Puzzle

By Bill Feely

It was an unusually warm day in February as Joe Puma and his room-mate, Michigan Moose, began their trek from Drexel to 'state-side.' As they reached the highway, the chapel clock struck nine and, once again, they were late for Professor Rollerskate's "Physical, Chemical, Mathematical, Atomic, and Geological Development of the Eastern Asylums" class.

"We're late," said Moose as he carefully evaded a tractor and side-stepped a semi.

"Gosh," said Joe, "I hope I can crack this test. If I can only get a D, then I'll have a chance to make Probation at semester."

"Nonsense, Joe. We've taken this course four times and our total marks don't add up to an E."

"But what about the test Fred Zilch snatched from old Rollerskate's room last night," blurted Joe. "We studied it for eight minutes."

A Short Test

The conversation ended abruptly as they reached Science Hall. As they entered the room Prof. Rollerskates was explaining the test. "This is a subjective test consisting of 750 true-false, 500 matching, 250 fill-ins, and ten short essay questions," he said; "I'll give you twenty-one minutes and 32 seconds. Begin."

Joe looked at the test, completely baffled. He looked at Moose who couldn't decide which end of the paper was right side up. It was then that Joe realized how Fred Zilch had tricked them. Revenge had been the motive. Just three days previous, Joe's 'Whitelamb' intramural team had trounced Fred's 'Bucketdrops.' Joe would fix him. No more would he sneak him into Rensselaer's Cinerama, or let him wear his best doggy pants.

The Essays

But time was rapidly passing, and the test was still blank. Joe

finished the first section by writing 'True' across the first five pages. He then matched all the 500 terms in the right column with the words "Go on to the next section." The fill-ins were snaps. With Joe's extensive reading of Perlongo, Halliday, and Spillane, he easily improvised. Then it hit him, just like a cold slimy mackerel in the face—the essays.

Once again, he looked toward Moose's desk, but Moose was gone. He had crawled under Rollerskate's desk, grabbed the answer sheet, and was merrily filling in as he crunched on one of last week's ham salad sandwiches.

Class Dismissed

Joe put a question mark after each essay as Moose stealthily crept back to his desk. The test ended and after a boring lecture on "Rennaisance submarines," class was dismissed.

That night the marks were posted. Moose was happy. He scored an 18. He lost two points for misspelling his name and had 80 deducted for eating during an exam. Joe was morose til he discovered his 11 was the second highest in the room and good enough for a D—. Both laughed when Fred Zilch came over and told them he received a minus 100, the lowest score ever recorded.

A Celebration

"Let's celebrate," said Joe, as he called the gang together. "Zilch here beat old Les Gootch's (1903) record of —99."

Things were joyous in Drexel that night. Even Prof. Rollerskates came over to add his congratulations.

Since Joe now had a D cinched, he began thinking of more important things. Soon it would be May and Prom time. Pleasant dreams flashed through Joe's mind that night. Prof. Rollerskates was no longer a threat, at least not this year, to the unforgettable Joe Puma.

NFCCS Plans Basketball Game For OSP Fund

Faculty and football squad will vie on the basketball court in the near future, if plans go according to schedule, local NFCCS senior delegate Ken Ryan has announced.

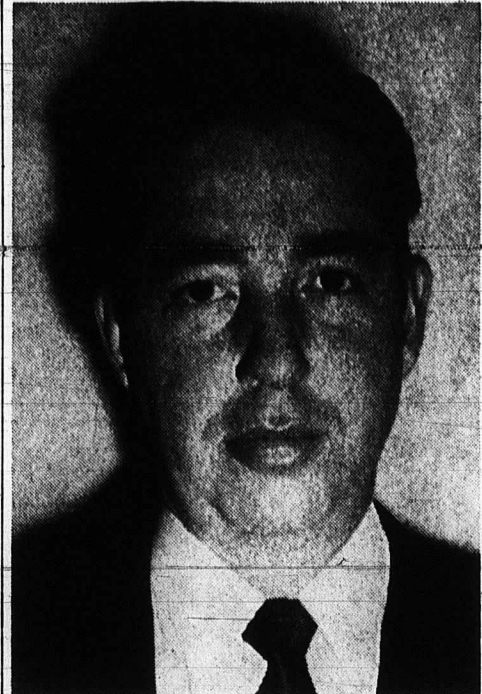
The fracas, involving opposing cage teams composed of faculty members and football gridmen, will be staged as an exhibition to help raise St. Joseph's portion of the national NFCCS Overseas Service Program fund. The contest has received the approval of the Student Council and has been referred to the administration. If cleared, it will be staged in mid-Lent.

The purpose of the Overseas Service Program, to which the receipts of this and other events will be given, is to advance the activities of the NFCCS in Europe and Asia—in aiding foreign students and displaced persons by bettering their conditions and by promoting their general welfare. Toward this end, every school in the Federation is assessed a per capita amount each year, to be raised in any manner desired by the senior delegate. St. Joseph's 1954 quota is approximately \$130. If necessary, bingo parties and other events will be held to raise the full quota, Ryan has said.

News of a regional NFCCS council meeting was released early last week. Regional president Jane Michael of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College has called the council for March 7 at the Terre Haute college. Attending from St. Joseph's,

St. Joseph Speech Teacher Man Of Many Talents

By John White



Mr. William Walsh

If he had his life to live over again, he wouldn't have the time. These words aptly describe the new English and speech professor, Mr. Willard Walsh. He has accomplished more in his lifetime than most people could accomplish in two lifetimes.

Born on Sept. 2, 1913, in Albany, N.Y., he received much of his primary and secondary education there. After attending Manhattan College for a year and a half, he was appointed to the United States Military Academy. He graduated from West Point in 1938, with a B. S. in Military Art.

He remained in the army as a professional soldier until the termination of the Second World War. Among the many posts held while he was in uniform were infantry officer, secretary and member of several review boards, company commander, acting battalion commander, military governor of the island of St. Croix, and trial judge advocate. Upon his resignation as an army officer, he began a new phase of his career.

For a short time he held the post of auditor of payrolls for the state of New York. He resumed his school work at Fordham University, and in 1948, received the degree of MFA in theater. While in the Fordham theater, he acted in several plays and directed a production of "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay." He also appeared in several plays produced by the famous Blackfriars Theater Guild. Later, in Schenectady, he played in many of the "FBI In Action" radio series of WGV.

For the past five years, he has been a member of the faculty of LaSalle College, Philadelphia. In his position as assistant professor of drama and speech, he was able to found and direct the LaSalle College Theater. Among the many plays he produced and directed while serving in this capacity were: "The Doctor in Spite of Himself," "Romeo and Juliet," "Life With Father," "H. M. S. Pinafore," "Macbeth," and "Three Men on a Horse."

Because of his fine work at LaSalle, he, at one time or another, held several important positions in theater work. He was Sub-Director for Philadelphia, in the Catholic Theater Conference. Also, Mr. Walsh was a member of the Committee on Awards Cultural Olympics, sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania, and a member of the Committee of Judges for One Act Play Contests. Mr. Walsh is unmarried and now makes his home in Rensselaer.

Donates Medal



Rev. James Conroy, columnist for Our Sunday Visitor, has expressed a desire to award a medal to the winner of St. Joseph's annual first year speech contest. This award was formerly given by the late Monsignor Thomas M. Conroy, but was discontinued at his death.

Fr. Conroy hopes that by perpetuating the award, he will increase the appeal of the speech contest at St. Joseph's, and that other colleges may follow the example and develop their own speech programs.

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By Bill Feely

With this warm weather we've been having, I am beginning to wonder if our groundhog friend is as good or bad as the U. S. Weather Bureau. It's 65 degrees in February, and to top it all off this is happening in Indiana. Of course, I suppose this comment will be frozen out by the time Stuff hits the mailboxes. But regardless of present weather conditions, I might render this advice. If you're wise, you'll get started on those (ugh) term papers now. Remember, in the balmy spring weather a young man's thoughts turn to more important and more interesting topics for research.

Still no entries to my contest. When Prom time comes around you'll be wishing you had a free bid. School spirit??? Enough said.

Once again, I've heard that complaints exist toward Billstuff. Well, cats, if your name hasn't been mentioned in my column, perhaps it will before this year ends. There are 560 students in this school. Since I started Billstuff, I have mentioned 122 of these Pumites. (I keep track) If you have any news trivia you wish to donate, I'll gladly accept any, and all contributions.

It seems as if the cafeteria lines haven't been so long of late. Let's hope such practice can continue.

Looks like a newer larger St. Joe will soon become a reality. It will be nice to see Bennett Hall. Do you realize that future building plans include five new residence halls, a new health center, and a student activities building? Many will be sad to hear that old Gaspar will someday have a different name. (One of the new halls will be called Gaspar.) Perhaps, it wouldn't be bad if coeds were a part of the new St. Joe. There would then be no need for mixers, just mingling.

Corn of the week: A hen-pecked husband who could no longer endure his wife's bickerings finally turned on her. "When I applied for a marriage license," he shouted, "they must have given me the wrong papers. I've led a dog's life ever since!"

"Perhaps," replied his wife, "but remember—you were the only one of us the license clerk saw!"

Perlongo fans, attention! On the agedna for March: "Morality issue: What is a man? What is a woman? How high is up? Who slew the new gun? Huhh?"

Question of the week: In what five letter word in the English language can four letters be removed, and yet still retain the same pronunciation?

A recent report compiled by two Yale professors, who've spent five years studying the drinking habits of 16,000 students of 27 U. S. colleges, shows that 74 percent of the nation's students take a nip now and then, but are very moderate imbibers. Ah, for the life of a Yale professor.

Start to save for the Prom now if you're smart. This year's prom has a few surprises in store for all loyal Pumites. Remember the day—the 8 of May.

Odds'n Ends: Owen Weitzel doing a good job running the spotlight for the home basketball games . . . Jack Heinen, ole 102 . . . Chet Pilat, M-1 demonstrator at the bowling alley . . . Carpenter Alfred Hentschel raising mice for the biology lab . . . Sam Governale hurdling Rensselaer's parking meters . . . Chey Walong taking saxophone lessons . . . Joe Lukasik, frosh confederate at the Valpo game . . . Willie Kun, St. Joe's only postgrad . . . Maurey Garvey with a Plymouth . . . Al Lazur (ex-Xavierite) with a major role in Detective Story . . . Phil Battaglia losing some teeth (from the dentist in town, that is) . . . Upper Noll supervised study says Fr. Kramer . . . Mr. Sanderlin getting all A's in his first semester of study for a Ph.D. . . . Bohdon Strawniak bowling a 264 game at Maple lanes . . . Gino Facetti (ex-57) getting a novel valentine from his Phantom friends of upper West Seifert . . . Candlelight needed in Drexel one night last week . . . Mike Churosh losing many members of his Rocket I-M basketball team to football . . . Henry Guzzo having a hard time making out a withdrawal blank . . . Bill Gillen making full use of his age . . . Gene Eifred wondering if the guy who sits next to him in Soc. Sci. is me . . . John Griffin, census taker of Rel. 30 . . . Gaston Rivera won't try wearing Levi's to a basketball game if Fr. Schaefer is around . . . Fred Zilch going down the Iroquois in a submarine . . . Girls today don't care whether a guy is stale or fresh, as long as he has dough . . . See you next issue.

Pumas Top Cardinals In Last Home Appearance

St. Joseph's Pumas, appearing for the last time on their home floor, this season, easily defeated the Ball State Cardinals in an ICC conference game Feb. 20. The final score was St. Joe 82, Ball State 60. The victory gave the Pumas a record of 8 wins and 11 losses for the season, and a 4 and 8 record in the conference.

Although the underdog at game time, St. Joe soon made it known that they wanted a victory. The early shooting of Chet Pilat and Don Merki gave them an early five point lead in the first quarter, and they slowly pulled away from the undermanned Cardinals. Pilat and Willie Kellogg put on a two-man scoring show in the latter part of the second quarter to boost the Pumas into a 48-30 lead at half time.

Sloppy Play

The third period was marked by sloppy play by both teams although St. Joe found the range in the final minutes of the period. Merki's five quick points moved St. Joe to a 59-40 lead at the end of the third period.

Bernie Boff netted 7 of his 11 points for the night in the final period, and Merki and Kellogg each added five as St. Joe outscored Ball State in the final period. A late switch in strategy by coach Scharf put Kellogg in the pivot and Merki at guard for the final two minutes of the game. A field goal by Dan Fenker ended the scoring for the night.

Merki Scores

Merki led both teams in scoring with 24 points. O'Brien with 18 points and Kellogg with 17 followed Merki. Senior Bernie Boff, playing his last home game, scored 11 points and gathered in five rebounds. Jack Cross and Tom Dobbs led the Cardinals with 11 points apiece.

The victory evened the season series. Ball State won the first game in Muncie, 77-75.

In a preliminary game, Ball State's reserves defeated the junior Pumas 76-74 with a field goal in the last two seconds.

SJC	19	49	59	82
B. S.	14	30	40	60
St. Joseph's				
Merki	6	12	24	
Boff	3	5	11	
Pilat	4	2	10	
Fenker	1	0	2	
O'Brien	6	6	18	
Kellogg	8	1	17	
	28	26	82	
Ball State				
D. Harris	0	1	1	
J. Harris	1	1	3	
Dobbs	5	1	11	
Jagla	1	0	2	
Davis	2	2	6	

Evansville Halts St. Joseph's Rally, Defeats Pumas By 70-62 Score

By Jim Booth

After spotting St. Joseph's an early eight-point lead, the Purple Aces of Evansville College came from behind to defeat the Pumas on Feb. 8. The final score of the contest was 70-62. It was the seventh conference loss for St. Joe as against two wins, and for Evansville, it was the seventh victory with three conference losses. The Aces had previously beaten St. Joe in Evansville, 68-64.

The Pumas started well as Pilat and Merki moved the team to an early 8-0 advantage. After a time out, Coach Arad McCutchan's quintet came back strong and scored 11 points while holding St. Joe to five. The quarter ended with the Pumas leading 13-11.

Shortly after the beginning of the second period, Evansville's Frank Healy knotted the score at 15 apiece. The lead changed hands several times until a free throw by Dan Fenker and two more by Merki gave the Pumas the lead. But in a flurry of baskets, the Aces went back into the lead, 25-22.

Willie Kellogg then swished one from half court to narrow the gap, and following another Evansville basket, Kellogg scored again. Then, with one second remaining in the half, Terry MacCarthy put in two charity tosses to deadlock the score at intermission.

The third period, which was the turning point of the game, belonged almost entirely to Evansville.

Rinehart	4	0	8
Poteet	1	1	3
Cross	3	5	11
Kuhny	2	2	6
Schmeltz	2	0	4
Brown	1	3	5
	23	14	60

Don Merki Sets Scoring Record Pumas Lose

Don Merki lofted a free throw into the mesh early in the second quarter of last Wednesday's ICC contest with Indiana State at Terre Haute and set another record. With that one shot, the junior center enjoyed the scoringest season of any basketball player in St. Joe history.

That free throw, Merki's 396th point of the season, eclipsed the 395 mark he had created last year, in 23 games. Twenty minutes later, soon after the start of the second half, he flipped in an underhanded lay-up to become the first person in Puma history to hit the 400-a-season level. Besides these three points, Merki added 22 others to raise his year's total to 415, his three-year total to 946. The all-time four-year record is 1067, set by Jack Dwyer in his senior season last year.

Other than Merki's performance, there was little for Puma fans to crow about in the State contest. After being held to a 29-all half-time score, the Sycamores threw in 30 in the third stanza and kept building until they held a 17-point bulge with three minutes to go. A flurry of last-minute St. Joe scoring reduced the margin to a respectable 80-71.

The Statemen, who had previously tripped the Pumas 80-65 here, were led by freshman center Jim Lee with 15 counters. Guard Forrest Dunnuck tallied 13, and three other Sycamores had 11.

For St. Joe, Willie Kellogg tallied 14, Chet Pilat 10, and Terry MacCarthy 9.

Line score:

St. Joe	14	15	18	24	71
Indiana State	12	17	30	21	80

After the first few minutes of basket bombardment, the Aces led 36-30. But Bernie Horn, Pilat, and Merki all hit free throws, and Kellogg added a basket as the Pumas narrowed the margin. But another Evansville spurt moved the score to 40-35. At this point, Carl Harrawood of Evansville added five points in less than a minute and the Aces soared to a ten-point lead.

Baskets by Merki and Pilat moved the Pumas closer in the waning seconds of the period. In the last frame, Kellogg made the final Puma victory bid by scoring six points in less than two minutes to bring St. Joe within three points of their opponents. But Evansville's Walker hit three baskets to assure an Evansville victory. Tim O'Brien and Merki added baskets in the closing minute to bring the final score to 70-62.

Merki was the leading scorer of the game with 21 points. Pilat added 11 to the Puma total.

Basketeers Capture Intramural Diadem

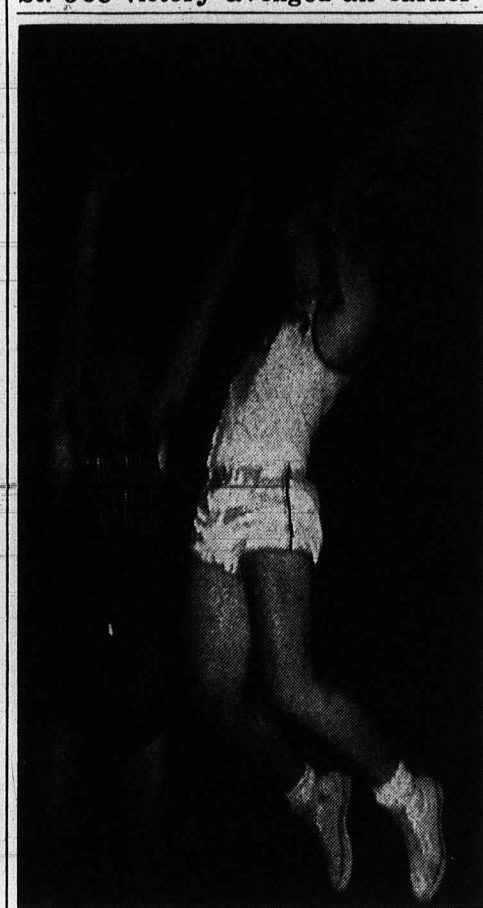
By Jim McLaughlin

The Basketeers won the first round of the Eastern League for the second year and in doing so, ran their winning streak to 39 games. The deciding game was played Feb. 9 with the Basketeers playing their closest conten-

Plans Made For Spring Sports, Baseball Highlights Card

St. Joe Crushes Valpo's Title Hopes Crusaders Beaten 81-66

St. Joseph's Pumas dealt Valparaiso's title hopes a severe blow in the Collegeville fieldhouse on Feb. 11. After trailing throughout the first half, the Pumas rallied in the third quarter to win 81-66. The St. Joe victory avenged an earlier defeat by the Crusaders at Valpo.



Terry MacCarthy, St. Joe forward, fires a jump shot in the Valpo game. Jack Anderson (No. 35) is the Valpo man.

Greeks Leading Xavier Basketball, Competition Keen

Xavier basketball has developed into a race with the odds a tentative six to one against the first place "Greeks," captained by Gene Torisky. With six teams working for a tie-making victory over the front runners the chances for an undefeated season are almost as remote to the "Greeks" as Athens. So far their wins have come over the weaker members of the league. Gerding yielded a close one 48-44, Jack Miller tumbled 53-33, and Clyde Simon and Tom Bir lost 72-46 and 62-54 respectively. This leaves the second place teams yet to be beaten before the "Greeks" can claim the wreath.

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But, all was not as dismal as the won-lost column shows; the brightest spot was the performance of center Don Merki. Don established a free throw record and a free throw attempt mark in ICC and he is well on the way to setting a four-year total mark for St. Joe. "Merk" was the leading scorer in the ICC and ranked second in rebounding. An 81-66 win over Valpo plus the 84-67 smashing of Butler's Bulldogs also highlighted the 1953-54 season.

The golf team is getting a slow start with only two matches scheduled at the present time. The Little State-ICC meet held at the Terre Haute Country Club on May 15 will climax the season.

Coach Dick Scharf has recently been appointed as chairman of the membership committee of the Indiana Association of Health.

The Butler Bulldogs were toppled from the pinnacle of the ICC by a determined DePauw squad. Center Gene Loercher tallied 28 points for the Tigers. The 83-73 win for the Greencastle squad has no effect on their conference rating, but it throws the race for first place into a deeper state of confusion.

Evansville currently leads with a 7-4 mark. Butler and Valpo follow with six wins and four defeats, and Ball State with a 5-5 record still has a mathematical chance.

Stan Davis, Ball State's high scoring forward, threw in 35 points as the Cardinals whipped De Pauw. Stan's output stands as the ICC's highest single game scoring this year.

Mr. Joseph Pawlowski has received a coaching assignment at Des Plaines High School, Des Plaines, Ill.

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Speech And The Layman

It is compulsory, here at St. Joe's and at many other colleges, that students in most fields of study take at least one course in speech training. This is not at all surprising because today in colleges, in business and industry, in government, more and more attention is being given to communicative speech.

But over and above the use of speech training in business, there is a great need for an articulate body of Catholic laymen today. No longer can a Catholic be satisfied in merely protecting his faith. He will, on occasion, find it necessary to defend this faith. Every Catholic who has been exposed to college training should have little difficulty in defending his religion. But with training in speech, these same Catholics can take the initiative and do much to further the cause of the Church. Because of this, then, there is a need for speech training.

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Joe Puma And Michigan Moose Pass Pumaville Prof's Puzzle

By Bill Feely

It was an unusually warm day in February as Joe Puma and his room-mate, Michigan Moose, began their trek from Drexel to 'state-side.' As they reached the highway, the chapel clock struck nine and, once again, they were late for Professor Rollerskate's "Physical, Chemical, Mathematical, Atomic, and Geological Development of the Eastern Asylums" class.

"We're late," said Moose as he carefully evaded a tractor and side-stepped a semi.

"Gosh," said Joe, "I hope I can crack this test. If I can only get a D, then I'll have a chance to make Probation at semester."

"Nonsense, Joe. We've taken this course four times and our total marks don't add up to an E."

"But what about the test Fred Zilch snatched from old Rollerskate's room last night," blurted Joe. "We studied it for eight minutes."

A Short Test

The conversation ended abruptly as they reached Science Hall. As they entered the room Prof. Rollerskates was explaining the test. "This is a subjective test consisting of 750 true-false, 500 matching, 250 fill-ins, and ten short essay questions," he said; "I'll give you twenty-one minutes and 32 seconds. Begin."

Joe looked at the test, completely baffled. He looked at Moose who couldn't decide which end of the paper was right side up. It was then that Joe realized how Fred Zilch had tricked them. Revenge had been the motive. Just three days previous, Joe's 'Whitelamb' intramural team had trounced Fred's 'Bucketdrops.' Joe would fix him. No more would he sneak him into Rensselaer's Cinerama, or let him wear his best doggy pants.

The Essays

But time was rapidly passing, and the test was still blank. Joe

finished the first section by writing 'True' across the first five pages. He then matched all the 500 terms in the right column with the words "Go on to the next section." The fill-ins were snaps. With Joe's extensive reading of Perlongo, Halliday, and Spillane, he easily improvised. Then it hit him, just like a cold slimy mackerel in the face—the essays.

Once again, he looked toward Moose's desk, but Moose was gone. He had crawled under Rollerskate's desk, grabbed the answer sheet, and was merrily filling in as he crunched on one of last week's ham salad sandwiches.

Class Dismissed

Joe put a question mark after each essay as Moose stealthily crept back to his desk. The test ended and after a boring lecture on "Renaissance submarines," class was dismissed.

That night the marks were posted. Moose was happy. He scored an 18. He lost two points for misspelling his name and had 80 deducted for eating during an exam. Joe was morose till he discovered his 11 was the second highest in the room and good enough for a D—. Both laughed when Fred Zilch came over and told them he received a minus 100, the lowest score ever recorded.

A Celebration

"Let's celebrate," said Joe, as he called the gang together. "Zilch here beat ole Les Gootch's (1903) record of -99."

Things were joyous in Drexel that night. Even Prof. Rollerskates came over to add his congratulations.

Since Joe now had a D cinched, he began thinking of more important things. Soon it would be May and Prom time. Pleasant dreams flashed through Joe's mind that night. Prof. Rollerskates was no longer a threat, at least not this year, to the unforgettable Joe Puma.

NFCCS Plans Basketball Game For OSP Fund

Faculty and football squad will vie on the basketball court in the near future, if plans go according to schedule, local NFCCS senior delegate Ken Ryan has announced.

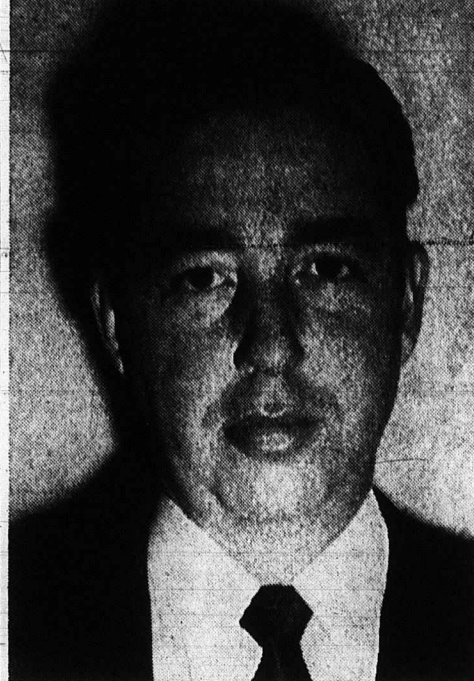
The fracas, involving opposing cage teams composed of faculty members and football gridmen, will be staged as an exhibition to help raise St. Joseph's portion of the national NFCCS Overseas Service Program fund. The contest has received the approval of the Student Council and has been referred to the administration. If cleared, it will be staged in mid-Lent.

The purpose of the Overseas Service Program, to which the receipts of this and other events will be given, is to advance the activities of the NFCCS in Europe and Asia—in aiding foreign students and displaced persons by bettering their conditions and by promoting their general welfare. Toward this end, every school in the Federation is assessed a per capita amount each year, to be raised in any manner desired by the senior delegate. St. Joseph's 1954 quota is approximately \$130. If necessary, bingo parties and other events will be held to raise the full quota, Ryan has said.

News of a regional NFCCS council meeting was released early last week. Regional president Jane Michael of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College has called the council for March 7 at the Terre Haute college. Attending from St. Joseph's,

St. Joseph Speech Teacher Man Of Many Talents

By John White



Mr. William Walsh

If he had his life to live over again, he wouldn't have the time. These words aptly describe the new English and speech professor, Mr. Willard Walsh. He has accomplished more in his lifetime than most people could accomplish in two lifetimes.

Born on Sept. 2, 1913, in Albany, N.Y., he received much of his primary and secondary education there. After attending Manhattan College for a year and a half, he was appointed to the United States Military Academy. He graduated from West Point in 1938, with a B. S. in Military Art.

He remained in the army as a professional soldier until the termination of the Second World War. Among the many posts held while he was in uniform were infantry officer, secretary and member of several review boards, company commander, acting battalion commander, military governor of the island of St. Croix, and trial judge advocate. Upon his resignation as an army officer, he began a new phase of his career.

For a short time he held the post of auditor of payrolls for the state of New York. He resumed his school work at Fordham University, and in 1948, received the degree of MFA in theater. While in the Fordham theater, he acted in several plays and directed a production of "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay." He also appeared in several plays produced by the famous Blackfriars Theater Guild. Later, in Schenectady, he played in many of the "FBI In Action" radio series of WGV.

For the past five years, he has been a member of the faculty of LaSalle College, Philadelphia. In his position as assistant professor of drama and speech, he was able to found and direct the LaSalle College Theater. Among the many plays he produced and directed while serving in this capacity were: "The Doctor in Spite of Himself," "Romeo and Juliet," "Life With Father," "H. M. S. Pinafore," "Macbeth," and "Three Men on a Horse."

Because of his fine work at LaSalle, he, at one time or another, held several important positions in theater work. He was Sub-Director for Philadelphia, in the Catholic Theater Conference. Also, Mr. Walsh was a member of the Committee on Awards Cultural Olympics, sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania, and a member of the Committee of Judges for One Act Play Contests. Mr. Walsh is unmarried and now makes his home in Rensselaer.

Donates Medal



Rev. James Conroy, columnist for Our Sunday Visitor, has expressed a desire to award a medal to the winner of St. Joseph's annual first year speech contest. This award was formerly given by the late Monsignor Thomas M. Conroy, but was discontinued at his death.

Fr. Conroy hopes that by perpetuating the award, he will increase the appeal of the speech contest at St. Joseph's, and that other colleges may follow the example and develop their own speech programs.

BILLSTUFF

By Bill Feely

With this warm weather we've been having, I am beginning to wonder if our groundhog friend is as good or bad as the U. S. Weather Bureau. It's 65 degrees in February, and to top it all off this is happening in Indiana. Of course, I suppose this comment will be frozen out by the time Stuff hits the mailboxes. But regardless of present weather conditions, I might render this advice. If you're wise, you'll get started on those (ugh) term papers now. Remember, in the balmy spring weather a young man's thoughts turn to more important and more interesting topics for research.

Still no entries to my contest. When Prom time comes around you'll be wishing you had a free bid. School spirit??? Enough said.

Once again, I've heard that complaints exist toward Billstuff. Well, cats, if your name hasn't been mentioned in my column, perhaps it will before this year ends. There are 560 students in this school. Since I started Billstuff, I have mentioned 122 of these Pumites. (I keep track) If you have any news trivia you wish to donate, I'll gladly accept any, and all contributions.

It seems as if the cafeteria lines haven't been so long of late. Let's hope such practice can continue.

Looks like a newer larger St. Joe will soon become a reality. It will be nice to see Bennett Hall. Do you realize that future building plans include five new residence halls, a new health center, and a student activities building? Many will be sad to hear that old Gaspar will someday have a different name. (One of the new halls will be called Gaspar.) Perhaps, it wouldn't be bad if coeds were a part of the new St. Joe. There would then be no need for mixers, just mingling.

Corn of the week: A hen-pecked husband who could no longer endure his wife's bickerings finally turned on her. "When I applied for a marriage license," he shouted, "they must have given me the wrong papers. I've led a dog's life ever since!"

"Perhaps," replied his wife, "but remember—you were the only one of us the license clerk saw!"

Perlongo fans, attention! On the agenda for March: "Morality issue: What is a man? What is a woman? How high is up? Who slew the new gnu? Huhh?"

Question of the week: In what five letter word in the English language can four letters be removed, and yet still retain the same pronunciation?

A recent report compiled by two Yale professors, who've spent five years studying the drinking habits of 16,000 students of 27 U. S. colleges, shows that 74 percent of the nation's students take a nip now and then, but are very moderate imbibers. Ah, for the life of a Yale professor.

Start to save for the Prom now if you're smart. This year's prom has a few surprises in store for all loyal Pumites. Remember the day—the 8 of May.

Odds'n Ends: Owen Weitzel doing a good job running the spotlight for the home basketball games . . . Jack Heinen, ole 102 . . . Chet Pilot, M-1 demonstrator at the bowling alley . . . Carpenter Alfred Hentschel raising mice for the biology lab . . . Sam Governale hurdling Rensselaer's parking meters . . . Chey Walong taking saxophone lessons . . . Joe Lukasik, frosh confederate at the Valpo game . . . Willie Kun, St. Joe's only postgrad . . . Maurey Garvey with a Plymouth . . . Al Lazur (ex-Xavierite) with a major role in Detective Story . . . Phil Battaglia losing some teeth (from the dentist in town, that is) . . . Upper Noll-supervised study says Fr. Kramer . . . Mr. Sanderlin getting all A's in his first semester of study for a Ph.D. . . . Bohdon Strawniak bowling a 264 game at Maple lanes . . . Gino Pacetti (ex-57) getting a novel valentine from his Phantom friends of upper West Seifert . . . Candlelight needed in Drexel one night last week . . . Mike Churosh losing many members of his Rocket I-M basketball team to football . . . Henry Guzzo having a hard time making out a withdrawal blank . . . Bill Gillen making full use of his age . . . Gene Eifred wondering if the guy who sits next to him in Soc. Sci. is me . . . John Griffin, census taker of Rel. 30 . . . Gaston Rivera won't try wearing Levi's to a basketball game if Fr. Schaefer is around . . . Fred Zilch going down the Illinois in a submarine . . . Girls today don't care whether a guy is stale or fresh, as long as he has dough . . . See you next issue.

Pumas Top Cardinals In Last Home Appearance

St. Joseph's Pumas, appearing for the last time on their home floor, this season, easily defeated the Ball State Cardinals in an ICC conference game Feb. 20. The final score was St. Joe 82, Ball State 60. The victory gave the Pumas a record of 8 wins and 11 losses for the season, and a 4 and 8 record in the conference.

Although the underdog at game time, St. Joe soon made it known that they wanted a victory. The early shooting of Chet Pilat and Don Merki gave them an early five point lead in the first quarter, and they slowly pulled away from the undermanned Cardinals. Pilat and Willie Kellogg put on a two-man scoring show in the latter part of the second quarter to boost the Pumas into a 48-30 lead at half time.

Sloppy Play

The third period was marked by sloppy play by both teams although St. Joe found the range in the final minutes of the period. Merki's five quick points moved St. Joe to a 59-40 lead at the end of the third period.

Bernie Boff netted 7 of his 11 points for the night in the final period, and Merki and Kellogg each added five as St. Joe outscored Ball State in the final period. A late switch in strategy by coach Scharf put Kellogg in the pivot and Merki at guard for the final two minutes of the game. A field goal by Dan Fenker ended the scoring for the night.

Merki Scores

Merki led both teams in scoring with 24 points. O'Brien with 18 points and Kellogg with 17 followed Merki. Senior Bernie Boff, playing his last home game, scored 11 points and gathered in five rebounds. Jack Cross and Tom Dobbs led the Cardinals with 11 points apiece.

The victory evened the season series. Ball State won the first game in Muncie, 77-75.

In a preliminary game, Ball State's reserves defeated the junior Pumas 76-74 with a field goal in the last two seconds.

SJC	19	49	59	82
B. S.	14	30	40	60
St. Joseph's				
Merki	6	12	24	
Boff	3	5	11	
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D. Harris	0	1	1	
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Jagla	1	0	2	
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Evansville Halts St. Joseph's Rally, Defeats Pumas By 70-62 Score

By Jim Booth

After spotting St. Joseph's an early eight-point lead, the Purple Aces of Evansville College came from behind to defeat the Pumas on Feb. 8. The final score of the contest was 70-62. It was the seventh conference loss for St. Joe as against two wins, and for Evansville, it was the seventh victory with three conference losses. The Aces had previously beaten St. Joe in Evansville, 68-64.

The Pumas started well as Pilat and Merki moved the team to an early 8-0 advantage. After a time out, Coach Arad McCutchan's quintet came back strong and scored 11 points while holding St. Joe to five. The quarter ended with the Pumas leading 13-11.

Shortly after the beginning of the second period, Evansville's Frank Healy knotted the score at 15 apiece. The lead changed hands several times until a free throw by Dan Fenker and two more by Merki gave the Pumas the lead. But in a flurry of baskets, the Aces went back into the lead, 25-22.

Willie Kellogg then swished one from half court to narrow the gap, and following another Evansville basket, Kellogg scored again. Then, with one second remaining in the half, Terry MacCarthy put in two charity tosses to deadlock the score at intermission.

The third period, which was the turning point of the game, belonged almost entirely to Evansville.

Rinehart	4	0	8
Poteet	1	1	3
Cross	3	5	11
Kuhny	2	2	6
Schmeltz	2	0	4
Brown	1	3	5
	23	14	60

Don Merki Sets Scoring Record Pumas Lose

Don Merki lofted a free throw into the mesh early in the second quarter of last Wednesday's ICC contest with Indiana State at Terre Haute and set another record. With that one shot, the junior center enjoyed the scoringest season of any basketball player in St. Joe history.

That free throw, Merki's 396th point of the season, eclipsed the 395 mark he had created last year, in 23 games. Twenty minutes later, soon after the start of the second half, he flipped in an underhanded lay-up to become the first person in Puma history to hit the 400-a-season level. Besides these three points, Merki added 22 others to raise his year's total to 415, his three-year total to 946. The all-time four-year record is 1067, set by Jack Dwyer in his senior season last year.

Other than Merki's performance, there was little for Puma fans to crow about in the State contest. After being held to a 29-all half-time score, the Sycamores threw in 30 in the third stanza and kept building until they held a 17-point bulge with three minutes to go. A flurry of last-minute St. Joe scoring reduced the margin to a respectable 80-71.

The Statemen, who had previously tripped the Pumas 80-65 here, were led by freshman center Jim Lee with 15 counters. Guard Forrest Dunnuck tallied 13, and three other Sycamores had 11.

For St. Joe, Willie Kellogg tallied 14, Chet Pilat 10, and Terry MacCarthy 9.

Line score:
St. Joe 14 15 18 24—71
Indiana State 12 17 30 21—80

After the first few minutes of basket bombardment, the Aces led 36-30. But Bernie Horn, Pilat, and Merki all hit free throws, and Kellogg added a basket as the Pumas narrowed the margin. But another Evansville spurt moved the score to 40-35. At this point, Carl Harrawood of Evansville added five points in less than a minute and the Aces soared to a ten-point lead.

Baskets by Merki and Pilat moved the Pumas closer in the waning seconds of the period. In the last frame, Kellogg made the final Puma victory bid by scoring six points in less than two minutes to bring St. Joe within three points of their opponents. But Evansville's Walker hit three baskets to assure an Evansville victory. Tim O'Brien and Merki added baskets in the closing minute to bring the final score to 70-62.

Merki was the leading scorer of the game with 21 points. Pilat added 11 to the Puma total.

Basketeers Capture Intramural Diadem

By Jim McLaughlin

The Basketeers won the first round of the Eastern League for the second year and in doing so, ran their winning streak to 39 games. The deciding game was played Feb. 9 with the Basketeers playing their closest conten-

Plans Made For Spring Sports, Baseball Highlights Card

St. Joe Crushes Valpo's Title Hopes Crusaders Beaten 81-66

St. Joseph's Pumas dealt Valparaiso's title hopes a severe blow in the Collegeville fieldhouse on Feb. 11. After trailing throughout the first half, the Pumas rallied in the third quarter to win 81-66. The St. Joe victory avenged an earlier defeat by the Crusaders at Valpo.



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Pumatters

By Dick Obergfell

As the current basketball season rapidly draws to a close, the sporting interest turns toward baseball, golf, tennis, and track. But, before previewing the oncoming athletics events, a note concerning the Puma cagers. St. Joe finished in last place in the ICC with a 4-8 record; this was quite a dismal showing in comparison with last year's conference co-champs. The main factor was the inability to win at home. The Scharfmen acquired all conference victories on the Collegeville court, but they dropped their big games before the S J student body. On the road, it was even worse; Butler, Valpo, and Indiana State were decisive contests, but Ball State, Evansville, DePauw combined were only 10 points better than the local squad.

But, all was not as dismal as the won-lost column shows; the brightest spot was the performance of center Don Merki. Don established a free throw record and a free throw attempt mark in ICC and he is well on the way to setting a four-year total mark for St. Joe. "Merk" was the leading scorer in the ICC and ranked second in rebounding. An 81-66 win over Valpo plus the 84-67 smashing of Butler's Bulldogs also highlighted the 1953-54 season.

The golf team is getting a slow start with only two matches scheduled at the present time. The Little State-ICC meet held at the Terre Haute Country Club on May 15 will climax the season.

Coach Dick Scharf has recently been appointed as chairman of the membership committee of the Indiana Association of Health.

The Butler Bulldogs were toppled from the pinnacle of the ICC by a determined DePauw squad. Center Gene Loercher tallied 28 points for the Tigers. The 83-73 win for the Greencastle squad has no effect on their conference rating, but it throws the race for first place into a deeper state of confusion.

Evansville currently leads with a 7-4 mark. Butler and Valpo follow with six wins and four defeats, and Ball State with a 5-5 record still has a mathematical chance.

Stan Davis, Ball State's high scoring forward, threw in 35 points as the Cardinals whipped De Pauw. Stan's output stands as the ICC's highest single game scoring this year.

Mr. Joseph Pawlowski has received a coaching assignment at Des Plaines High School, Des Plaines, Ill.

Freshmen Praise Reading Clinic; Speed And Comprehension Aided

By Ed Stepan

Thirteen members of St. Joseph's freshman class gave the following opinions on the reading clinic. All of those interviewed attended the clinic for at least one semester.

Robert Conley: I have noticed the need of a reader's helper for myself and the clinic has answered this need. Everywhere you look you can find articles and of late a few T. V. programs on this subject. The clinic has helped me, and I hope that those who have not joined will do so soon and benefit by the clinic.

Casimir Glogowski: The reading clinic has improved my speed in reading 100 words per minute.

Steve Kubiowski: I have joined the reading clinic and I think it is one of the finest assets of the school. Besides this, Fr. Lucas is a very good instructor.

Ed Byrnes: I attended the reading clinic for only one semester and I think it was one of the smartest moves I ever made.

James Thompson: The reading clinic has helped my studies considerably. I can now finish an assignment much faster than I could the first semester before I joined the clinic.

Don Weishaar: Besides helping me to read faster, I now have a fuller understanding of the reading matter due to the habits I have obtained from the clinic.

Fred Andres: Considering my marks, the reading clinic won't hurt me at all.

Joe Willekens: I think the clinic is a big help, and anyone who doesn't take advantage of it is either very foolish or very lazy.

Ed Arenz: In one semester, I increased my reading speed more

than 200 words per minute. In another semester, I may be a genius. Ron Knause: My name is Knause, and I'm an old souse. I know the clinic will increase my speed. So I may comprehend the bottle labels that I will read.

Bob Rohlf: Just one semester of the reading clinic really helped me. It not only helps your speed but also your comprehension.

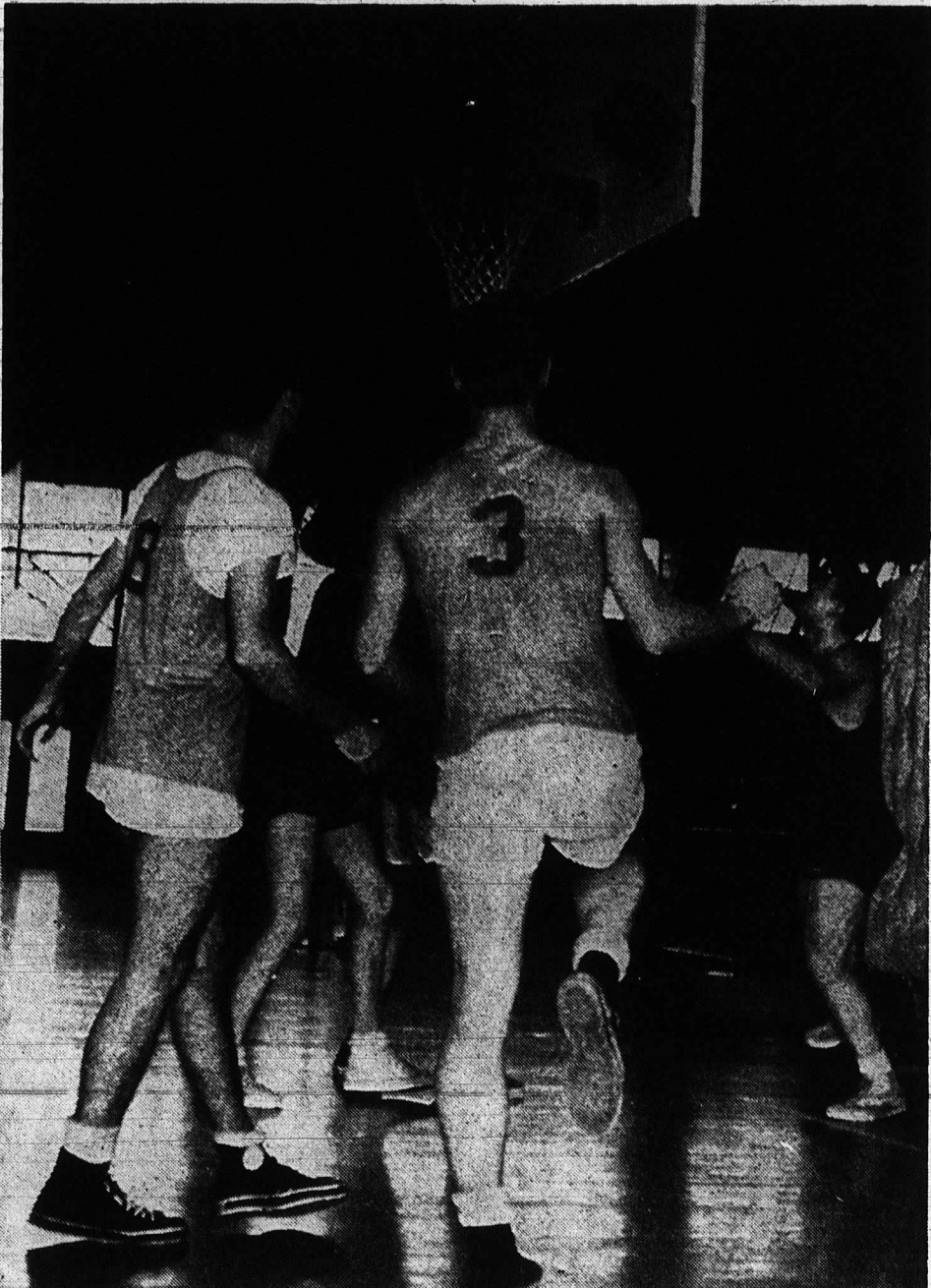
Norm Dudek: In only three classes of the reading clinic, my reading has improved 90 to 100 words a minute.

Ed Stepan: I would just like to conclude that the evidence given above should be enough to convince anyone who is in doubt about whether or not he should join the clinic. A piece of advice to you is join the clinic as fast as you can. Speaking from my own experience, I know it will be time well spent.

Mothers Meet

On Friday, Feb. 19, the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago was the site of St. Joseph's Mother's Club Pre-lenten card party and social. Originally planned for only the North Ballroom, the overflow crowd that attended necessitated the use of North Assembly Room as well. It was a record turnout for this affair.

The party opened with welcoming addresses by Mr. S. L. Governale, the president; Mrs. C. A. Cheevers, the general chairman; and Rev. Richard P. Baird, the moderator of the club. Dancing was in progress throughout the party and there were more than 100 prizes given away. Among the prizes were: a rotisserie, portable phonograph, jacket, table lamps, roasters, and toasters. The college and scholarship fund benefitted from this endeavor of the Mother's Club.



Dick Wesolowski (far right) is shown scoring in intramural action last week. Other dark jersied player is Steve Dolan. Light jersied players are Tony Good, No. 8 and Roger Perterka, No. 3.

Intramurals . . .

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scoring 42 points in a single contest.

Roy Meyer of the Basketeers was runner up in the scoring record with a total of 111 points. Roy scored 15 points in the deciding game.

The well balanced Basketeers are provided speed by such men as Smolar, Stegmeyer and Schroeder, while Weber and Meyer give them height. Coach Jim Righheimer also has a strong reserve crew in Beining, Naab, Dulin and Agnew.

The Rockets were the top team in the closely contested Mid-western League. Pete Higgins was the leading scorer, but also much credit must go to Chuck Wiles and John White.

The Rebels, a Freshman team, went undefeated to take top honors in the Western League. They found trouble with only one team, the Samups, whom they beat by one point. Much of the credit must go to the fine play of Ed Gass.

COMPLETE TEAM STANDINGS

Eastern League	
Basketeers	7-0
Blacksheep	6-1
Bulldogs	4-3
Shooting Stars	4-3
Comets	4-3
Hungry Quintet	1-6
Wah's	1-6
Midwestern League	
Rockets	6-1
Beef Trusters	5-2
Shieks	5-2
Buccaneers	3-4
Greentops	3-4
Fearless 5	2-5
Cellar Dwellers	2-5
Blues	1-6
Western League	
Rebels	7-0
Samups	6-1
Greendevils	4-3
Fr. Falter Post	3-4
Aces	2-5
All Stars	2-5
Hound Dogs	2-5

The second round of play will start on March 1 and all games will be played in the afternoon. The volley ball tourney will also start on March 1. These games will be played in the evening.

The Upper Classmen's Intramural Bowling League has come to a close and it seems as though the

King Pins have taken the honors in almost every department.

The positions are: 1—King Pins, 13 points; 2—Gizmos, 10½ points; 3—Whiz Kids and J. D. Shevs, Seven points.

High team three game series: 1—King Pins and Whiz Kids, 3011; 2—The Syndicate, 2961; 3—Gizmos—2937.

Team high game: 1—King Pins, 1054; 2—The Syndicate, 1046; 3—Whiz Kids, 1042.

Individual three game series: 1—Don Merki, 629; 2—Bob Michalski, 561; 3—Elmer Molchan, 558.

Individual high game: 1—Chet Pilat, 240; 2—Skip Meyer, 232; 3—Don Merki, 231.

The Freshman league went at follows: 1—Luns, 33 points; 2—Dirty 5, 32 points; 3—Rough Riders, 30½ points.

High team three game series: 1—Rough Riders, 2979; 2—Jets, 2929; 3—Dirty 5, 2918.

Team high game: 1—Dirty 5, 1047; 2—Rough Riders, 1045; 3—Mustangs, 1038.

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SC Plans Election Tuesday, April 6

A decision of election petitions, an appropriation of \$300, and a proposed basketball contest headlined the recent meeting of the Student Council.

In their meeting of Feb. 20, the council discussed plans for the election of officers for the 1954-55 school year. A decision was reached to release election petitions on Tuesday, March 23 and to conduct the election itself on Tuesday, April 6.

An appropriation of \$300 was made for converting the television room of Raleigh Hall into a hobby shop. This will also include a photography dark room.

The Student Council and the faculty also decided that all club banquets will be held off campus, and that the school will allow 75c for each student attending the banquet.

The council is also organizing a basketball game to be played between the faculty and the Monogram Club to aid the NFFCS Student Fund.

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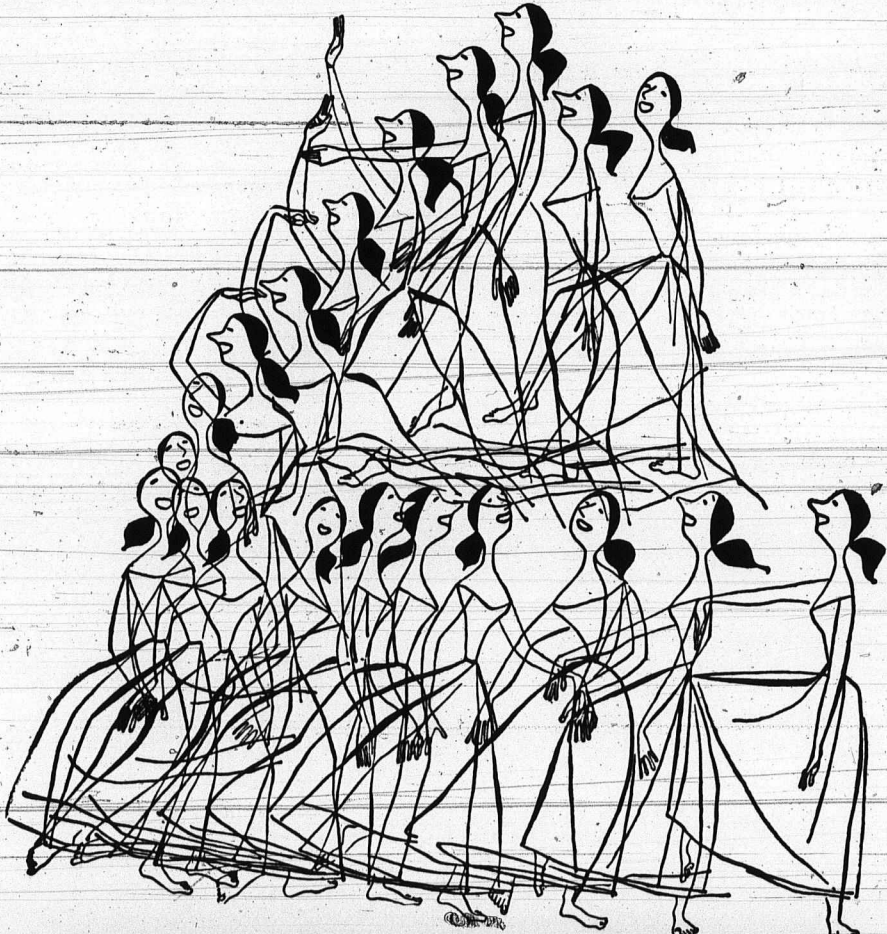
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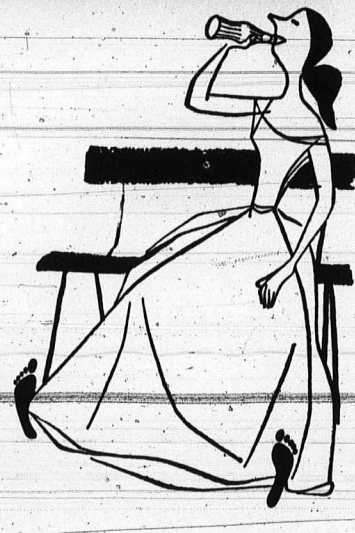
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